



G-4 LPO named SOY



AO1(AW/SW) Patrick McCollough

AO1(SW/AW) McCollough receives one of Abraham Lincoln's top honors

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One of Abe's top honors went to G-4's leading petty officer last week.

AO1(AW/SW) Patrick McCollough beat out ten other applicants to become USS Abraham Lincoln's Sailor of the Year.

"This came out of nowhere," McCollough said. "It wasn't something I was really looking for either."

In fact, McCollough was told he

was an applicant only two days before-hand.

"I was really too busy looking after my division," the nine-year Navy veteran said. "My junior guys are the ones who really won this. My division makes me look good."

Taking care of 37 junior Sailors is no small feat, McCollough said. From damage control qualifications to signing

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400 Sailors reenlist this deployment

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Pay increases, Selective Reenlistment Bonuses and choice of prime orders were some of the reasons 400 Abe and CVW-14 Sailors chose to reenlist just as the carrier finished its tour in the Arabian Gulf.

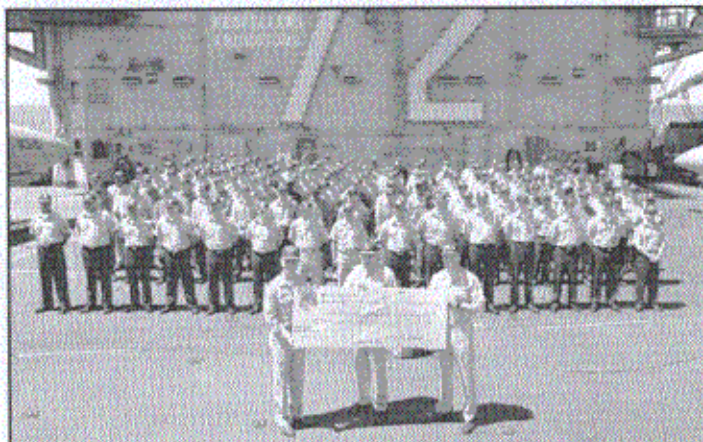
"SRBs are not the only reason for Sailors to reenlist. I would say pay increases have helped people make the decision. Several additional factors might include patriotism

or programs like Guard 2000," said NCC(AW) Lawrence Seehafer, Command Career Counselor.

According to Seehafer, a total of 400 Sailors reenlisted during the deployment.

"This is the last month of getting tax-free money for those who reenlist for SRB purposes, but it also gives an opportunity for all those who reenlisted to get together for a photo shoot," said NCC(SW)

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Capt. D. K. Dupouy, Rear Adm. Balisle and Capt. Thayer present a check for \$5.4 million tax free to 160 Sailors from a total group of 400 who reenlisted while deployed to the Arabian Gulf.

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Here comes Abe!

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